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1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME LAST EVENING THAT DPM TUN DR. ISMAIL HAD CONFIRMED LATTER' S APPROACH TO RAZAK ON NORTH KOREAN RECOGNITION PROBLEM. ISMAIL SIAD HE HAD TOLD RAZAK THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA IF HE WERE FOREIGN MINISTER. RAZAK HAD RESPONDED, OBLIQUELY, THAT GOM WOULD DO NOTHING THAT WOULD WEAKEN ROK' S POSITION IN NEXT UNGA.

2. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THERE IS STIALL SOME FLEXIBILITY IN GOM' S POSITION ON RECOGNITION, BUT, AS OF NOW, CONSIDERS LIKELY THAT ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE MADE DURING NEXT SESSION OF PARLIAMENT, POSSIBLY BEGINNING IN JULY.

3. IN EFFORT TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF ROK- GOM RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY VALUE OF ROK TRADE, AMBASSADOR HAS RECOMMENDED TO SEOUL MAXIMUM PURCHASE OF MALAYSIAN RUBBER.
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